GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL HIGHWAYS PATROLLING SCHEME
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments for crane and ambulance project under the National Highways Patrolling Scheme.

(b) if so, the State-wise details of financial assistance provided to various States including Rajasthan during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Government also provides ambulances to various Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs);

(d) if so, the details of ambulances provided to the Non-governmental Organizations State-wise including Rajasthan: and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to ensure accident rescue arrangements along the National Highways?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

a) Yes Sir. This Ministry provides financial assistance in the shape of cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under the scheme as National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS).

b) State-wise details of financial assistance in the shape of cranes and ambulances provided to various states including Rajasthan during the last three years are at annexure. During the year 2005-06, no cranes and ambulances were provided.

c) Yes Sir.

d) During the year 2007-08 one ambulance was provided to Self Development Institute, Jaipur , Rajasthan under the National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme(NHARSS). State wise detail of ambulances provided to the nnexed.

e) Detection of road accidents on National Highways and to provide medical assistance to road accident victims is basically the responsibility of the State Government. This Ministry has been providing ambulances to States/UTs/NGOs to evacuate accident victims to the nearest medical centre under National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme. During the period from 2000-01 to 2007-08, 437 ambulances had been given to various States/NGOs under this scheme. In addition, National Highways Authority of India provides an ambulance at an average interval of 50 km under their Op eration and Maintenance Contracts/Build, Operate and Transfer agreements on the completed stretches of National Highways entrusted to them. 125 ambulances have been deployed on National Highways by National Highways Authority of India. In strategic locations of few stretches, cameras have been installed by National Highways Authority of India which facilitates quick detection of road accidents.

During the IX & Xth Five Year Plan periods, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare were operating a scheme under which financial assistance of up-to Rs.1.50 crores was being provided to the State Government Hospitals located on National Highways for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities. Under this scheme, 113 State Government Hospitals were provided financial assistance during IX & Xth Five Year Plan.

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have now formulated a scheme to be implemented during the XIth Five Year Plan under which an integrated Trauma Care Centres Network is proposed to be got established in the State Government Hospital/Medical College located along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East-West Corridors of the National Highways by providing financial assistance.

From 2008-09 this Ministry will provide ambulances to Govt. Hospitals through Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.